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1. The Czech Ministry of National Defense has begun a program to equip all aircraft, most heavy artillery pieces, and gun-hauling vehicles with bullet-proof self-sealing tires. Synthetic rubber will be used as the sealing material. The tire designs appear adequate, but preliminary reports on field use indicate unsatisfactory performance. Many aircraft tires have ruptured on landing, or the sealing compound has leaked.
2. Headquarters of major military commands in the Prague area are being transferred from the present caserno and service center locations to public buildings formerly occupied by state trade trusts which were vacated about 20 October 1951. For example, the headquarters of the Prague Military District have been moved to Kotva Palace, Prague 1, Revoluční 1-3, formerly occupied by Centrotex.
3. The main tactical emphasis during the recent maneuvers in the Kynzwart Lazne area was on defensive tactics against a strong attack from the West. The troop simulation scale was 1 to 5 or 1 to 6, figures allegedly based on the contemplated future strength of the Czech army. Subordinate troop commanders complained of the rigid tactical control from the top level command, and stated that no initiative was permitted to lower units. Indications are that Czech military tacticians are following Soviet "set piece" tactical theories.
4. A recent cursory inspection of artillery materiel in gun depots in the Prague area indicates that Czechoslovakia is concentrating on artillery and antitank weapons of 45, 76, 105, 122 and 203 mm. The Czech army continues to bolster its antiaircraft defenses. Many 88-mm flak guns of Wehrmacht origin and gun-mount trailers for mobile units, are being re-conditioned.
5. Almost all class A infantry units have received new telecommunications equipment, serial number TF 11, battery-powered and operating on a 32-megacycle band. The equipment consists of a small hand-held transmitter-receiver and power-pack carrier back pack. It has a very short transmitting distance, probably about 500 yards.

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6. Several 100,000-liter underground gasoline storage tanks have been completed in the Vrsovice District of Prague, on the site of the Eta factory formerly used for German optical equipment production.

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